

Remarks

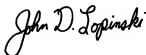
Applicants appreciate the Examiner's indication that claims 1, 3 and 4 are allowed and the suggestion for an amendment to claims 14-16. Applicants have accordingly amended claims 14-16 and have canceled claims 12 and 17 without prejudice in order to expedite the allowance of the present application.

Conclusion

Based on the arguments and amendments presented herein, Applicants believe all the pending claims are now in condition for allowance and respectfully request the Examiner to allow all the claims. Applicant requests a three-month extension of time to file this response. It is believed no fees are due with this response. If that is incorrect, and fees due may be charged to deposit account number 08-2442.

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